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INTRODUCTION

A year ago, enemies of the Empire officially formed the Rebel Alliance to restore the galaxy to the Republic.

First brought together by a Force-wielding stranger, Starkiller–who was once the secret apprentice of Darth Vader–the leadership of the Rebellion barely survived a battle with Vader and the Emperor which led to Starkiller's death.

Now, Darth Vader is preoccupied with thoughts of his apprentice and one of Starkiller's deranged clones, who poses a threat to the Empire's plans. To aid him in his search for the rogue clone, Vader hires the galaxy's greatest bounty hunter: Boba Fett!

NAR SHADDAA, ONE YEAR BEFORE THE BATTLE OF YAVIN.
YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS WONDERED...
...WHICH ONE OF US...
...IS THE FASTER DRAW.
BANG.

I THOUGHT WE AGREED NOT TO SHOW EACH OTHER OUR GUNS, XASHA.
IT'S A MODIFIED BLASTECH SCORPION-7. TOOK ME MONTHS TO GET IT BALANCED RIGHT. I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T OFFERED TO BUY IT YET.
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT COST TO REPAIR THE SHIP'S HYPERDRIVE?
I'M AS BROKE AS YOU.
DON'T WORRY. OUR LUCK WILL CHANGE.
MINE USUALLY DOES.
beep beep

I GOTTA TAKE THIS. DON'T GET COMFORTABLE.
deet
BOBA FETT. I HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU.

WHAT'S THE PAYOUT?
TRIPLE YOUR USUAL RATE.
WHO'S THE TARGET? ANOTHER POLITICIAN?
SOMEONE MUCH MORE DANGEROUS.
A JEDI?
OF SORTS, YES.
I'LL TRANSMIT EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ONCE YOU'RE ABOARD SLAVE I.
WHERE AM I HEADED?
CATO NEIMOIDIA.
I'LL BE IN HYPERSPACE WITHIN THE HOUR.

YOU'RE MISSING OUT ON THE KORRIBAN WINE.
NOT THIRSTY
YOU'RE LEAVING? BUT I THOUGHT THIS WAS TRUE LOVE.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING, X.
YOU COMING OR NOT?

CATO NEIMOIDIA. THIS IS OUR STOP.
FINALLY. NOW WILL YOU TELL ME WHO WE'RE AFTER?
TARGET'S CALLED "STARKILLER." ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE'S SOME SORT OF POWERFUL FORCE WIELDER.
HOW POWERFUL?
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DO...

...THAT.
YOU THINK HE MADE IT OUT?
ONLY ONE WAY TO BE SURE.
GET YOUR HELMET ON. WE'RE GOING RUBBLE DIVING

I'M SCANNING ONLY DEAD IMPERIALS, AND LOTS OF 'EM.
I KNOW A GUY WHO'LL PAY BLACK-MARKET RATES FOR IMPERIAL GEAR.
LEAVE IT ALONE, XASHA.

I'M JUST SAYING WE SHOULD GRAB A FEW HARD-TO-FIND ITEMS. YOU KNOW HOW MANY VISION MODES THIS HELMET HAS? I'M SURE IT'S WORTH SOMETHING...
I SAID LEAVE IT.
GAK! OKAY, OKAY
WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.
HANG ON...THERE'S SOMETHING UP AHEAD...

"SOMETHING BIG."
OKAY... WHOEVER KILLED THAT THING IS WAY OUT OF OUR LEAGUE.
NOBODY IS OUTTA MY LEAGUE LET'S GO LOOK AROUND.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS STARKILLER IS AFTER?
REVENGE? SOME IMPERIAL WEAPON? MAYBE WE CAN GET TO WHATEVER HE WANTS FIRST--

HE'S LOOKING FOR HIS WOMAN
HAH! REALLY?

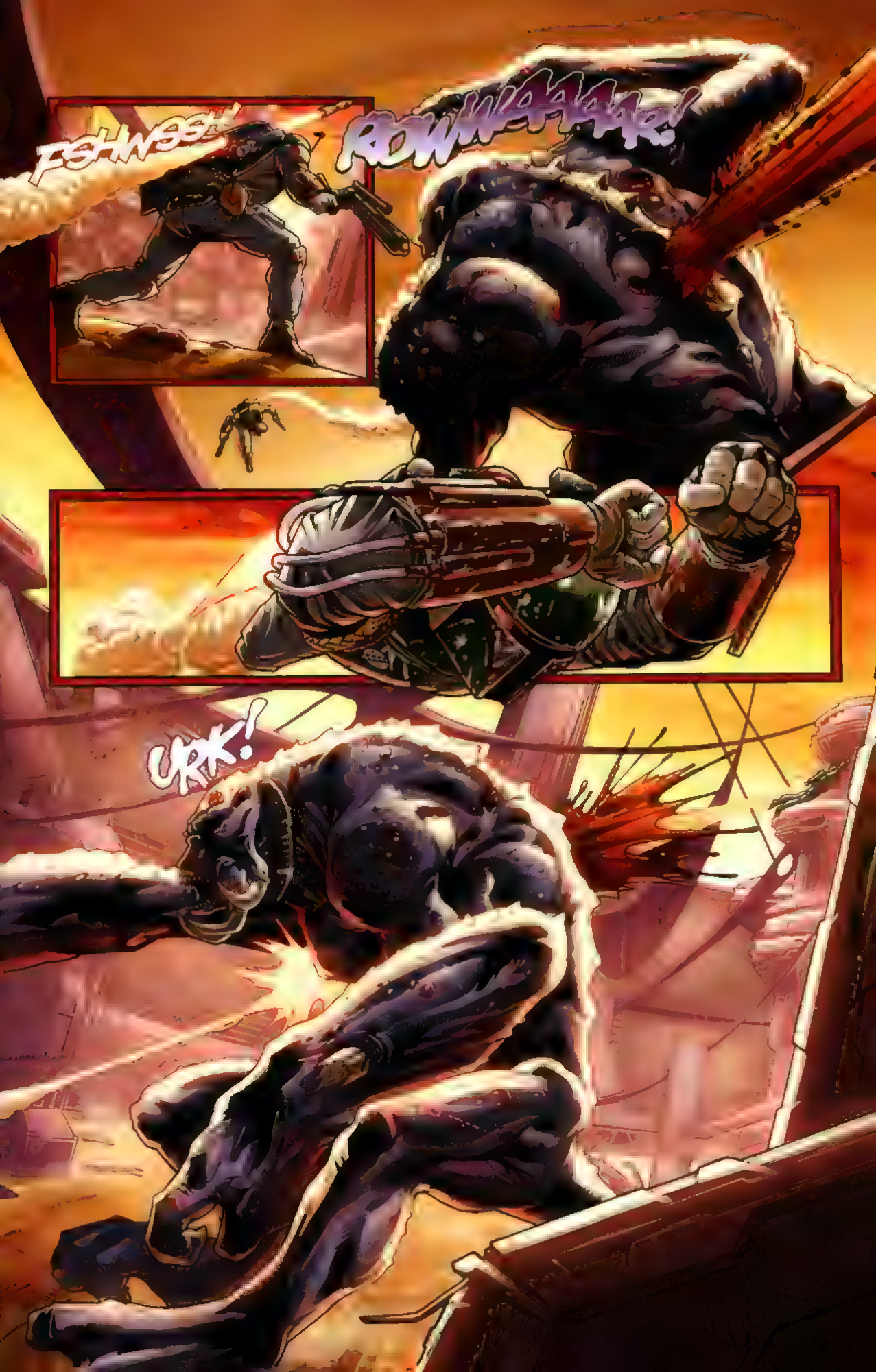
IT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD.

WAIT... SCANNER'S TICKING...

...LIKE A HEARTBEAT...
HOW--
ROAAAAR!

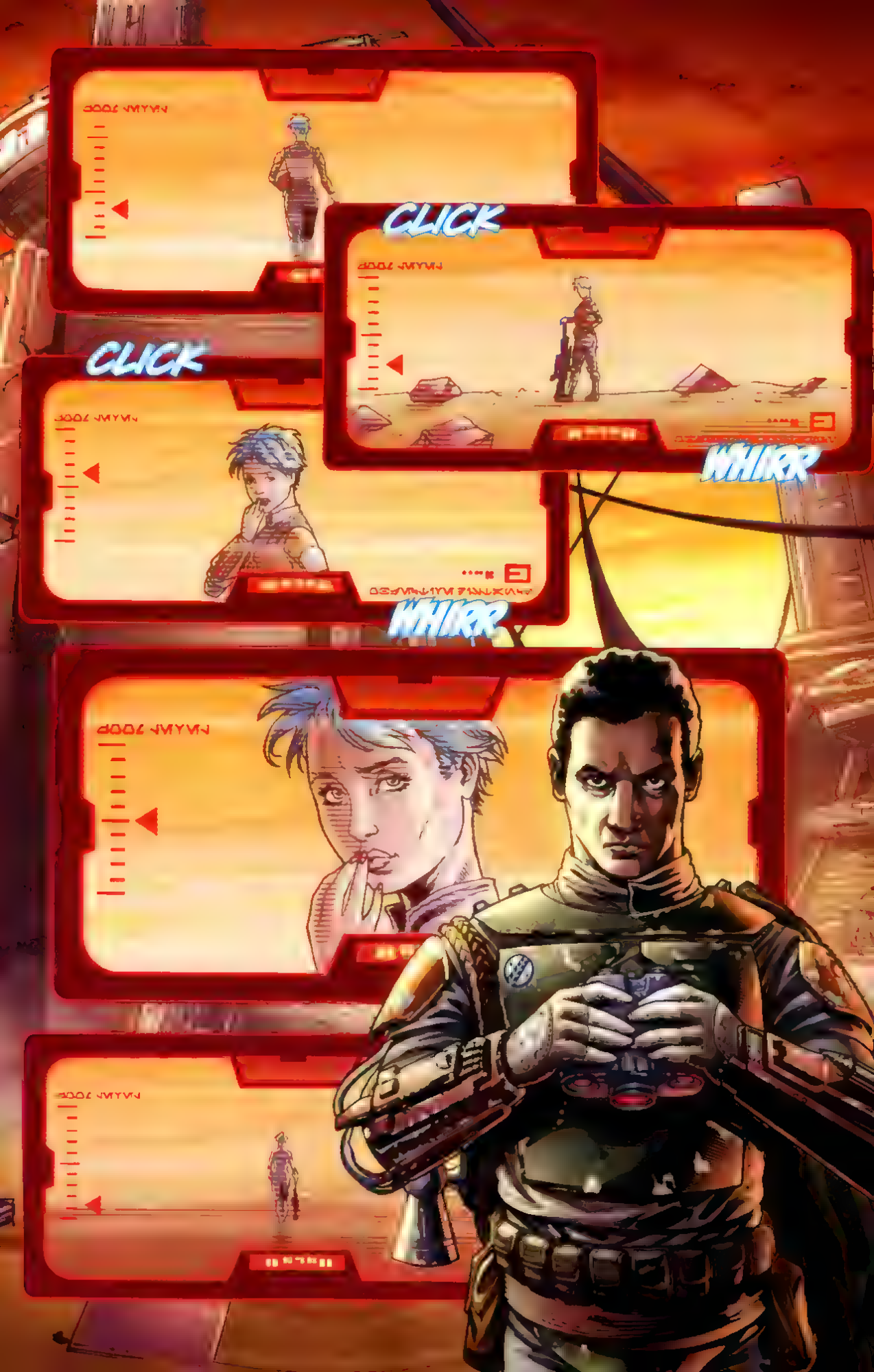
WATCH OUT!
AAAGH!
GET YOUR SCOPE ON THIS THING!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO SHOOT IT!
LEAVE THAT TO ME.

AH, THERE'S THE TROUBLE...
SECOND HEART.
TARGET ITS CH--
UNGH!
THIS IS GONNA HURT...


FSHWSS!
ROWWAAAAR!
URK!

THWUMP

WHOEVER YOU'RE WORKING FOR ISN'T PAYING ENOUGH.
I FIGURED THIS WOULD BE YOUR STOP...
YEAH, I GUESS SO.
COME WITH ME.
YOU KNOW I WON'T.
WE'RE GOOD PARTNERS, BOBA. BOTH IN THE ARMOR, AND OUT OF IT.
DOESN'T MATTER. I TOOK THE JOB.
WELL, I HOPE THE JOB DOESN'T TAKE YOU.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WHIRR
CLICK
WHIRR

KAMINO.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME?
THE ACCELERATED CLONING PROCESS IS STILL...IMPERFECT
THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU WENT MAD WITHIN MONTHS. I BELIEVED YOU WOULD BE THE FIRST SUCCESS...
...BUT IT SEEMS YOU ARE TO SUFFER THE SAME FATE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ME...
HERE IT COMES...

AAAGH
YOU HAVE SEEN ENOUGH

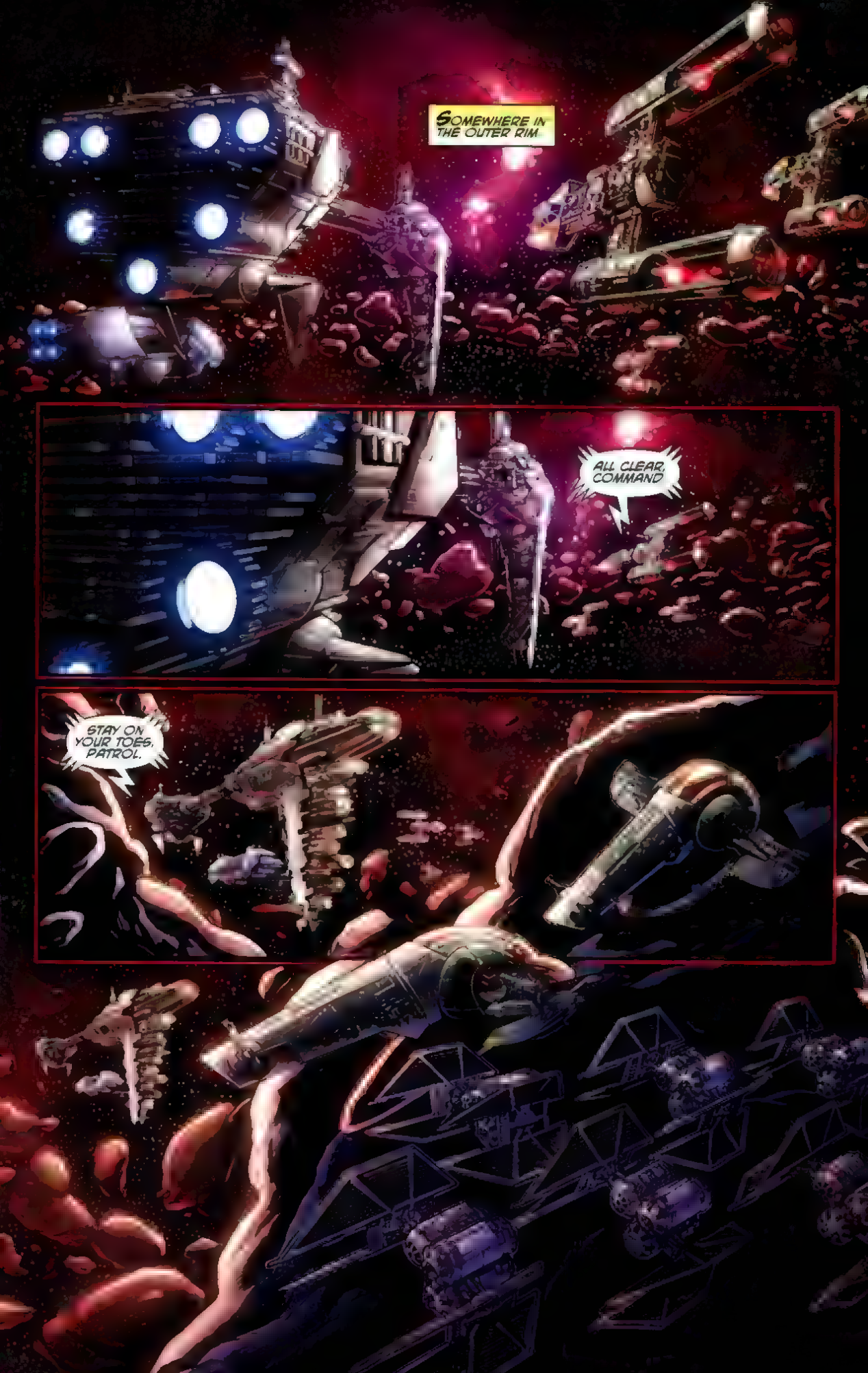
HE'S A CLONE? A CLONE TORE THROUGH THIS WALL? BROUGHT DOWN A CITY ON CATO NEIMOIDIA? FOUGHT THAT MONSTER?
HE'S A FAILED EXPERIMENT.
AND YOU WILL BE WELL COMPENSATED FOR LURING HIM BACK HERE
HE HAS A HEALTHY HEAD START
FIND THE WOMAN AND BRING HER TO ME. HE WILL FOLLOW.
I'LL NEED A SQUADRON OF STORMTROOPERS THEY WON'T BE COMING BACK
THE EMPIRE WILL PROVIDE WHATEVER YOU REQUIRE.
THEY'LL DO.

LATER
THESE CLONES ARE ACCELERATED?
HM? YES, YES. FROM INFANT TO INFANTRY IN JUST A FEW WEEKS.
ANY SIDE EFFECTS?
THE PROCESS IS VERY EXPERIMENTAL. WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN PAST A FEW PROBLEMS WITH ABNORMAL BRAIN DEVELOPMENT YET.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
ACCORDING TO MY PROJECTIONS, THEY'LL ALL GO INSANE. SOME WILL HOLD IT TOGETHER FOR A YEAR, MAYBE A BIT LONGER. OTHERS WILL LOSE IT BEFORE THEY EVER MAKE IT OUT OF BASIC TRAINING.
GOOD THING THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER BATCH, EH? I'M SURE WE'LL GET IT RIGHT. EVENTUALLY.

SHORTLY, ABOARD FETT'S SHIP, SLAVE I...
YOUR HEART IS BEATING TOO FAST. IF IT KEEPS HAMMERING, IT'LL EXPLODE. THEN YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I JUST WANT YOU TO RELAX. LET THE SERUM TAKE EFFECT
I TOLD YOU... I'M NOBODY... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

EVERYONE KNOWS SOMETHING. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW. YOU'RE A MECHANIC. SPENT YOUR WHOLE LIFE IN CORELLIAN GREASE PITS. PROBABLY NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM. UNTIL TODAY.
YOU EARN JUST ENOUGH TO BUY FOOD, PAY RENT, PICK UP A FEW OF YOUR OWN TOOLS. LIKE THIS FUSION CUTTER. NOT THE MOST EXPENSIVE MODEL ON THE MARKET, BUT IT'LL CUT THROUGH DURASTEEL SAME AS THE REST.
BUT YOU WANT YOUR OWN GARAGE SOMEDAY, AND TIMES ARE TOUGH. I GET THAT. SO YOU'VE BEEN FIXING UP STOLEN STARSHIPS. FOR THE ALLIANCE.
I JUST CHANGED A FEW REGISTRIES. GAVE SOME FRIGATES NEW NAMES AND TRANSPONDER CODES.
THAT'S RIGHT. NOW I WANT YOU TO TELL ME THE NAME AND NEW TRANSPONDER CODES OF JUST ONE OF THOSE FRIGATES. A SHIP UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN JUNO ECLIPSE.
IT'S CALLED THE SALVATION. THE CODE IS IN MY DATAPAD.

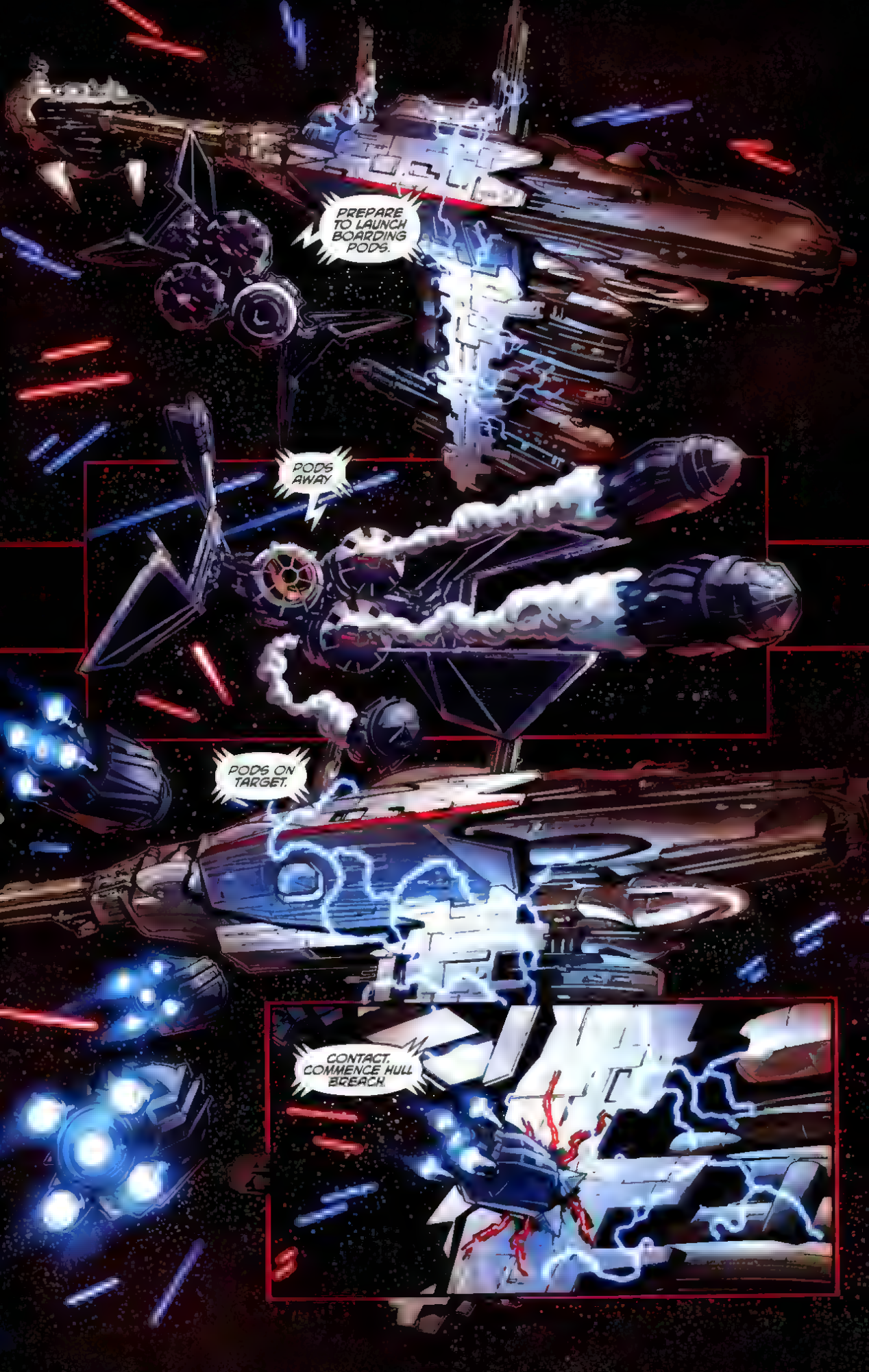
GET OUT
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME?
I'M NOT GETTING PAID FOR YOUR SCALP


SOMEWHERE IN THE OUTER RIM.
ALL CLEAR, COMMAND.
STAY ON YOUR TOES, PATROL.

WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THE SHIPS PASS THE FAR END OF THE ASTEROID BELT--
-- THEN HIT THE FRIGATE FROM BEHIND, DISABLING THE ENGINES FIRST.
WHAT IF THEY PICK US UP BEFORE WE LAUNCH?
THEY WON'T. NEBULA IS CAUSING MAJOR INTERFERENCE. THEIR SECONDHAND SCANNERS MUST BE GETTIN' COMPLETELY SCRAMBLED.
WE CAN'T WAIT TOO LONG. THESE NEW TERROR TROOPS ARE GETTING TWITCHY.
YOU CAN TELL THEM THEY'LL BE GUTTING REBELS SOONER THAN WE THOUGHT...
WE GOT A VERY UNFRIENDLY APPROACHING.

INTERCEPTING TRANSMISSIONS.
THIS IS ROGUE SHADOW. GENERAL RAHM KOTA REQUESTING PERMISSION TO BOARD THE SALVATION. AUTHORIZATION TALUS HAROON 10-11-38.
CODE CHECKS OUT
HE'S NOT ALONE. PRIME YOUR ION CANNONS
GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, GENERAL. YOU'RE CLEARED FOR DOCKING.
HIT THE REACTORS, THEN STORM THE BRIDGE YOU CAN KILL ANYONE ABOARD, EXCEPT THE CAPTAIN
ENGAGE ENGINES! GO!

BOOM!
BOOM!
IGNORE THE FIGHTERS! OUR ONLY CONCERN IS FINDING CAPTAIN ECLIPSE.
BOOM!
THIS IS SHADOW ONE. SHADOW LEADER HAS TAKEN DOWN THE MAIN REACTOR. WE'RE MOVING INTO POSITION.


PREPARE TO LAUNCH BOARDING PODS.
PODS AWAY
PODS ON TARGET.
CONTACT. COMMENCE HULL BREACH.

WE NEED TO GET THE SHIELDS BACK UP! MOVE IT!
HOLD UP!
SOMETHING'S COMING IN...
STEADY, STEADY!
FWUMP
WHA--

SKREEEEEEEEE!
AAAGH!

THIS IS SHADOW ONE TO SHADOW LEADER. WE'VE SECURED DECKS FOUR THROUGH ELEVEN.
GOOD. I'M GOING IN.

UGH!
URK!
COME WITH ME, BUT STAY ON GUARD. THE FORCE WIELDER SHOOTS LIGHTNING FROM HIS FINGERTIPS. IT'S LIABLE TO DISRUPT YOUR ONBOARD SYSTEMS.

SEND A SECURITY DETAIL TO THE MAIN REACTOR! AND GET THOSE DEFLECTOR SHIELDS UP!
SECURITY BEACONS ARE GOING CRAZY--
BOOM!

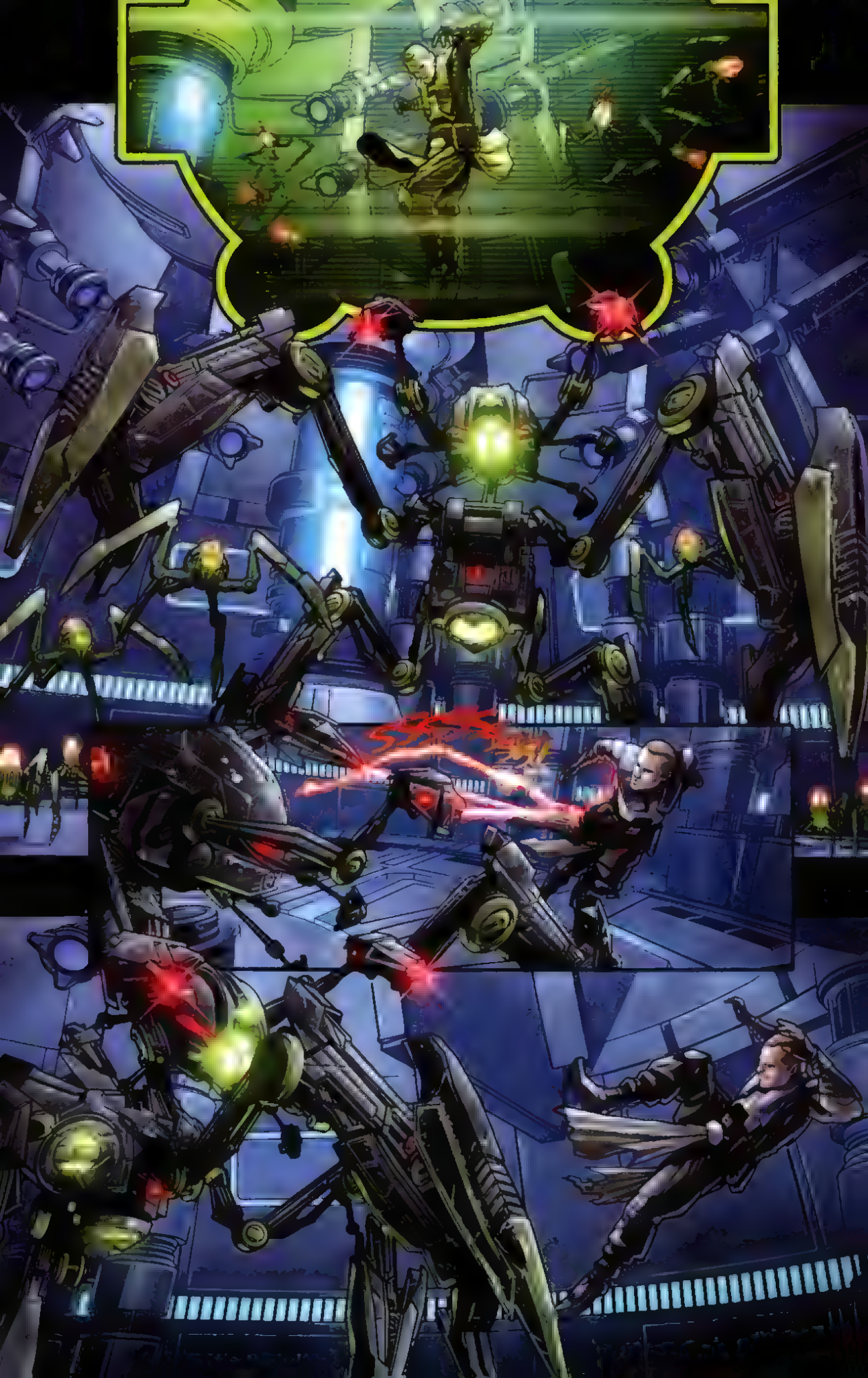
PROXY!
OW!
HALF OF YOUR CREW IS ALREADY DEAD, CAPTAIN ECLIPSE
UNGH!
IF YOU WANT THE REST TO LIVE, YOU'LL PUT ON THESE BINDERS AND COME WITH ME.

YOU'RE WEARING SHOCK CUFFS. THEY WON'T KILL YOU, BUT THEY'LL HURT. A LOT. DO ONLY WHAT I TELL YOU TO DO, EXACTLY AS I TELL YOU TO DO IT, AND I WON'T HAVE TO TRIGGER THEM.
THE ALLIANCE WON'T PAY A RANSOM FOR ME.
I KNOW, BUT I'M WORKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL -- AS LONG AS I GET YOU OFF THIS SHIP BEFORE IT BREAKS APART...
KEEP MOVING...
OUR RIDE IS WAITING.

BLAM!
WE'RE GOING FOR A WALK.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...
HANG ON. IT'S FURTHER THAN IT LOOKS.

UUP!
JUNO!
NO!
NO...

NO, NO, NO! WAIT!
MOVE! YOU'LL BE SEEING HIM AGAIN SOON ENOUGH.
KOTA! THEY'RE GONE! SEND THE ORDER TO ATTACK KAMINO!
ALREADY DONE, STARKILLER. BUT YOU MUST REALIZE VADER IS TRYING TO LURE YOU TO HIM.
I KNOW! BUT HE'LL THINK I'M COMING ALONE. HE WON'T BE READY FOR THE ENTIRE REBEL FLEET!
MY THOUGHTS AS WELL. REACTORS ARE BACK ONLINE AND THE FLEET IS PREPARING FOR LIGHT SPEED NOW. HEAD BACK TO THE BRIDGE.
I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I CAN--
--I NEED TO FOLLOW UP ON SOMETHING FIRST...
TUNK



SKREEEE!
SKREEEEEE!
BOOM!
BOOM!

SKREEE!
SKRR

FSSSSHHHH
HNH
deet

deet
YOU SURVIVED THE SPACE JUMP. GOOD.
YOU KNOW HE WILL FOLLOW US
YES. HE'S ALREADY RUN HALFWAY ACROSS THE GALAXY FOR YOU. NO REASON TO THINK HE'LL STOP NOW.
AND WHEN HE FINDS US, HE WILL KILL YOU.
MAYBE. BUT I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH JEDI.
HE IS NO JEDI. A JEDI CONTROLS HIS EMOTIONS AND HIS POWERS. BUT STARKILLER ...HE DOES NOT KNOW RESTRAINT. HE WILL BRING DOWN AN ENTIRE STAR DESTROYER ON YOUR HEAD, IF THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL YOU.
THE STARKILLER YOU KNEW? THE ONE WHO COULD PULL STARSHIPS OUT OF THE SKY? HE'S DEAD.

VADER HAD HIM CLONED. THAT'S WHO IS SEARCHING FOR YOU...
...A HALF-MAD COPY WHO ONLY THINKS HE LOVES YOU. AND YOU'RE GOING TO DRAW HIM RIGHT BACK TO VADER.
YOU MUST HAVE LOVED SOMEONE, ANYONE
SO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW..
...YOU KNOW HOW I ACHE, JUST THINKING ABOUT HIM BEING HURT
DON'T LET VADER USE ME TO DESTROY HIM.

KAMINO
TAKE CAPTAIN ECLIPSE INTO CUSTODY.
NOT SO FAST. I WANT TO GET PAID FIRST.
YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR FEE ONCE STARKILLER IS RECAPTURED. THAT WAS OUR AGREEMENT.

I WANT TO BE AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE WHEN STARKILLER SHOWS UP. I'VE SEEN WHAT HE CAN DO.
YOU *WILL* STAY.
AFTER STARKILLER HAS BEEN DEFEATED, YOU WILL BE GIVEN AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH THE EMPIRE.
I GET RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR ALL OF YOUR BEST JOBS. I NEGOTIATE MY RATES EVERY TIME OUT. AND THE EMPIRE COVERS ALL EXPENSES.
RELEASE THE WOMAN
YOUR CONTRACT WITH VADER WILL LAST ONLY AS LONG AS IT SERVES THE EMPIRE. EVENTUALLY, YOU WILL BECOME AN OUTLAW, TOO. THEN VADER WILL BE HUNTING *YOU*.
THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE *SOMEONE* THE EMPIRE NEEDS TAKEN DOWN.
AND IF NOT, THE GALAXY'S BIG. LOTS OF PLACES FOR A RICH BOUNTY HUNTER TO HIDE.

THE REBEL FLEET HAS ARRIVED.
HOPE YOU'RE READY FOR A FIGHT.
MY STAR DESTROYERS WILL WIPE OUT THE REBEL SHIPS, AND THE PLANETARY SHIELDS WILL PREVENT GROUND TROOPS FROM LANDING. BUT STARKILLER *WILL* FIND A WAY ONTO THE PLANET. OF THIS, I AM CERTAIN.
I SUSPECT THAT'S HIM.
FINISH YOUR MISSION.

SPREAD OUT! FIND CAPTAIN ECLIPSE!

BEEP BEEP BEEP
BDOW!
SLAM!
BLAST THAT WAS CLOSE
HNH...

AAAUGH...
AAAAAUUUURGH!
UNGH!

MISSILE, LAUNCH.
ARRRGH!
FWOOOSH!
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU?

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
THE WHOLE PLACE IS UNDER ATTACK.
I KNOW! I NEED TO PROTECT THIS DATA, GET IT BACK TO CORUSCANT FOR SAFEKEEPING.
WHAT ABOUT THEM?
THE ACCELERATED CLONING PROCESS BROKE DOWN. AGAIN.
BUT AFTER THE REBELS ARE REPELLED, I'LL COME BACK, DO A FEW VIVISECTIONS TO DETERMINE WHAT EXACTLY WENT WRONG.

THESE ARE MY FATHER'S LEGACIES. I'M NOT LETTING YOU LEAVE THEM THIS WAY.
OH, NO...YOU'RE MISTAKEN...
...THESE AREN'T CLONES OF JANGO FETT...
...THESE ARE CLONES OF YOU.
HOW?
VADER HIRED A FEMALE BOUNTY HUNTER TO SCRAPE UP A FEW OF YOUR CELLS AND STEAL SOME HAIR SAMPLES. SHE EVEN GRABBED AN IMPRINT OF YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING.
THEN THE MEMORY FLASHES...
THEY ARE YOURS, YES.

BLAMMM!

FSSSSSSHHH!

HNNNGH...
HAAA...
WHAT...?
VADER

CLICK
WHIRR
CLICK
BOW BEFORE ME, OR SHE DIES
WHIRR
I'LL DO YOUR BIDDING.
...JUST LET HER GO.

YOU WILL FIND AND KILL GENERAL KOTA
IF YOU REFUSE, THE WOMAN DIES.
YOU WILL RETURN TO ME AND GIVE YOURSELF TO THE DARK SIDE.
IF YOU RESIST...
...SHE DIES

AND WHEN YOUR TRAINING IS COMPLETE, YOU WILL HUNT DOWN AND EXECUTE THE REBEL LEADERS--
IF YOU FAIL, SHE DIES
NO!
UNGH!

KRUNCH!

AAAAAAAAUUGGH!
STAND DOWN!
TRY TO TAKE HIM ALIVE!

KRACK!
AAGH!
BLAM!
BLAM!
YOU'RE STANDING BETWEEN ME AND A PAYDAY, GENERAL KOTA.

UNGH.
PROXY, BRING OUT YOUR WORST...
LET'S SEE...
YES, THIS ONE IS PERFECT...

KLANK!
MY TURN
BLAM!
DOW!
AAAGH!

UNGH
IT'S OVER
NOT UNTIL STARKILLER IS DEAD--
deet
--AND I GET PAID!

AAGGH!
SONIC OVERLOAD! ALL MY SYSTEMS ARE SHUTTING DOWN!

AAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!
UNGH...

YOU'VE TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM ME!
YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER ARE NOT REAL.
THEY ARE REAL TO ME!
WAIT!
YOU WANT HIM DEAD AS MUCH AS I DO!
YES, BUT NOT YET. NOT UNTIL HE'S TOLD US ALL OF THE EMPIRE'S SECRETS.

YOU WANT TO TAKE HIM PRISONER...
YES. TO A HIDDEN REBEL BASE WHERE WE CAN INTERROGATE HIM, PUT HIM ON TRIAL FOR CRIMES AGAINST THE TRUE REPUBLIC.
AND THEN WE'LL EXECUTE HIM, SHOW THE GALAXY THAT WE DON'T NEED TO FEAR HIM ANY LONGER.
IF I LET HIM LIVE, HE'LL HAUNT ME FOREVER.
VADER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS IF AND HOW STARKILLER SURVIVED. HE CAN'T TELL YOU IF HE'S DEAD.
DO IT, KID. YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE

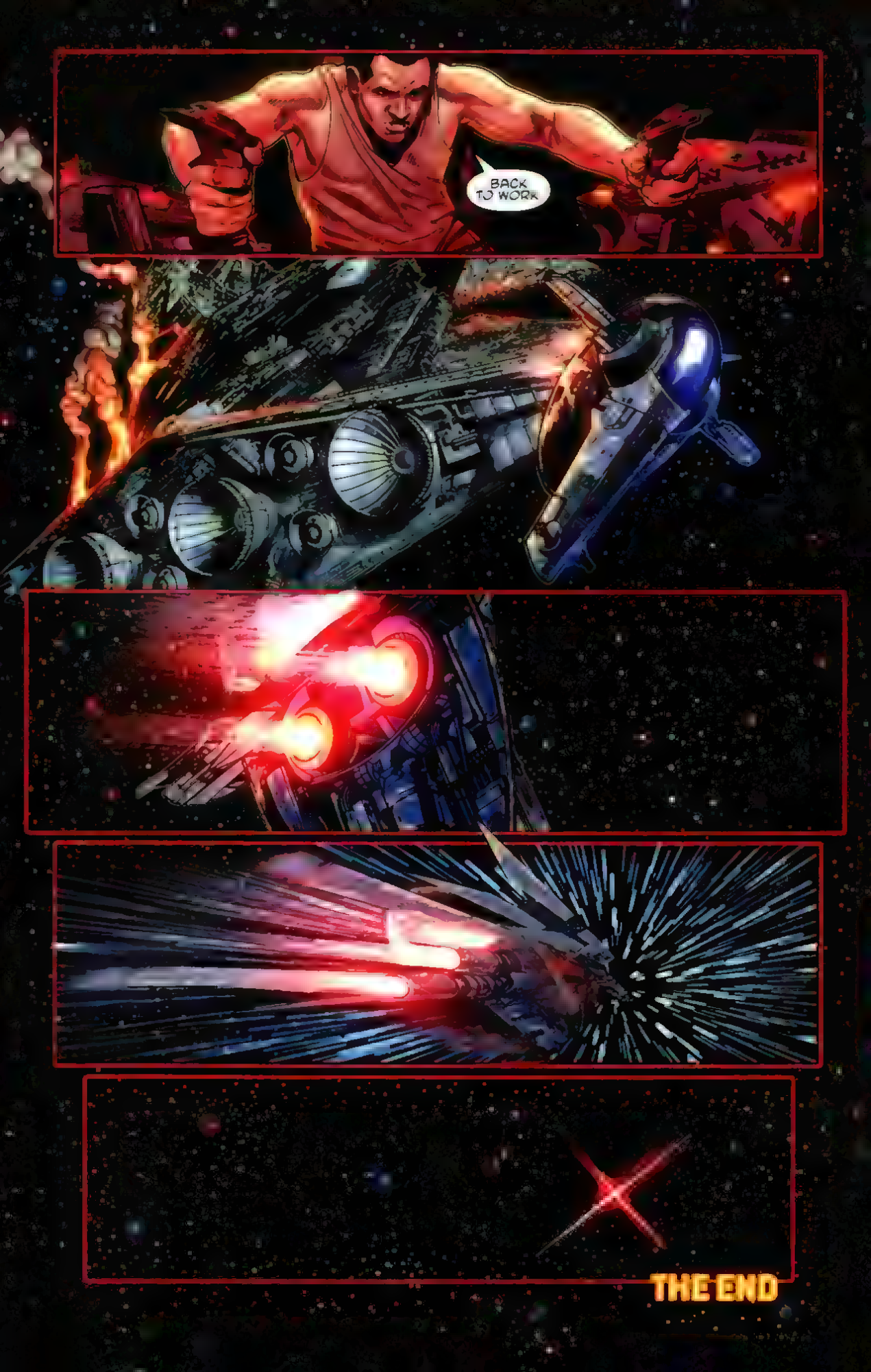
PWSSSSSHHH
I CAN'T REVIVE HER. I'M SORRY, MASTER.
IT'S MY FAULT
I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HERE.

PAYDAY

WE'RE ALIVE
I'LL GET YOU. BUT NOT NOW. AND NOT LIKE THIS...

WE'LL SEND A DOZEN SMALL FREIGHTERS IN ALL DIRECTIONS. EVEN IF SOMEONE FINDS OUT WE HAVE HIM, THEY WON'T KNOW WHICH SHIP TO FOLLOW
EXCELLENT. AND THE SECURITY DETAIL?
WE HAVE IT COVERED, YOUR HIGHNESS. WE'LL CONTACT YOU AGAIN ONCE WE HAVE VADER SAFELY LOCKED AWAY ON DANTOOINE.
GOOD. THIS IS A TURNING POINT FOR THE ALLIANCE. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

beep
beep
beep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